

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 5393–5418; and; 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 114; H. Con. Res. 524–527, and H. Res. 863–865 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1662, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to give greater weight to scientific or commercial data that is empirical or has been field-tested or peer-reviewed, amended (H. Rept. 108–785);

H.R. 2933, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to reform the process for designating critical habitat under that Act, amended (H. Rept. 108–786);

H.R. 5104, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to authorize appropriations for the John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program (H. Rept. 108–787);

H.R. 5134, to require the prompt review by the Secretary of the Interior of the long-standing petitions for Federal recognition of certain Indian tribes, amended (H. Rept. 108–788);

H.R. 2801, to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, amended (H. Rept. 108–789, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3283, to improve recreational facilities and visitor opportunities on Federal recreational lands by reinvesting receipts from fair and consistent recreational fees and passes, amended (H. Rept. 108–790, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2440, to improve the implementation of the Federal responsibility for the care and education of Indian people by improving the services and facilities of Federal health programs for Indians and encouraging maximum participation of Indians in such programs, amended (H. Rept. 108–791, Pt. 1);

Conference report to accompany H.R. 4818, an act making appropriations for foreign operations, export financing, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 108–792).

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Rule for consideration of suspensions: The House agreed to H. Res. 859, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules, by voice vote.

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Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004—Conference Report: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany

H.R. 1350, to reauthorize the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 537.

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Agreed to H. Con. Res. 524, authorizing a technical correction in the enrollment of the bill.

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H. Res. 858, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

American History and Civics Education Act of 2004: H.R. 5360, amended, to authorize grants to establish academies for teachers and students of American history and civics;

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Directing the Secretary of the Senate to make corrections in the enrollment of S. 150: S. Con. Res. 146, to direct the Secretary of the Senate to make corrections in the enrollment of the bill S. 150;

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Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act: S. 150, to make permanent the moratorium on taxes on Internet access and multiple and discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce imposed by the Internet Tax Freedom Act—clearing the measure for the President;

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Amending title 5, U.S. Code, regarding Thrift Savings Plans: H.R. 4324, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to eliminate the provisions limiting certain election opportunities available to individuals participating in the Thrift Savings Plan;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to amend chapter 84 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for Federal employees to make elections to make, modify, and terminate contributions to the Thrift Savings Fund at any time.

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Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act of 2004: S. 2781, amended, to express the sense of Congress regarding the conflict in Darfur, Sudan, to provide assistance for the crisis in Darfur and for comprehensive peace in Sudan;

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YMCA Retirement Fund: H.R. 5365, to treat certain arrangements maintained by the YMCA Retirement Fund as church plans for the purposes of certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; and

Pages H10042–44

Amending the Social Security Act with regard to Medicare part B premiums: S. 2618, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend medicare

cost-sharing for the medicare part B premium for qualifying individuals through September 2005—clearing the measure for the President.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House began consideration of the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Recognizing the Boy Scouts of America: H. Res. 853, recognizing the Boy Scouts of America for the public service the organization performs for neighborhoods and communities across the United States; and

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Promoting the development of the emerging commercial human space flight industry: H.R. 5382, to promote the development of the emerging commercial human space flight Industry. Pages H10045–53

Recess: The House recessed at 2:49 p.m. and reconvened at 7:28 p.m.

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Petrified National Forest Boundary Adjustment: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1630, to revise the boundary of the Petrified Forest National Park in the State of Arizona. Pages H10054–55

Visiting Nurses Association Week: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 8, expressing the sense of Congress that there should be established a National Visiting Nurses Association Week.

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Donald Brotzman Post Office Building Designation Act: The House agreed to discharge the Committee on Government Reform from consideration of and pass H.R. 5370, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4985 Moor-

head Avenue in Boulder, Colorado, as the "Donald G. Brotzman Post Office Building".

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Honoring the life of Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr.: The House agreed to discharge the Committee on Science from consideration of and agree to H. Res. 847, honoring the life of astronaut Leroy Gordon Cooper, Jr.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:53 p.m. and reconvened at 12:18 a.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H10005–06.

Senate Referrals: S. 1217 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce; and S. Con. Res. 123 and S. Con. Res. 149 were held at the desk.

Pages H10006, H10072

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H10022. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:19 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings are scheduled.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.